



PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Probusteliza Friends,

I wish you all a very happy New Year and good health for 2018.

Take time to enjoy life's simple pleasures with friends and family.

Another year begins and there are new things to do.

We look forward to your company again this year.

We are very lucky in this club to have so many lovely people to enjoy a chat with over morning tea.

See you on Monday



Carol

OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Attendance: 55 present 11 apologies 6 non-responses 2 visitors

President: **Carol Spencer** welcomed all members and visitors and acknowledged birthdays. She spoke of the outings that had recently occurred, and the Christmas Lunch at the Mornington Golf Club. She then proposed one minutes silence in reflection for **Norma Binks**, who sadly passed away last month.

Barry Rawlings then played "Happy Birthday" on the piano for **Carol** whose birthday was on December 14th.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted and that the **Probarian** was available on the desk out front.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** had left his paperwork at home, but explained that the finances were basically the same as the previous month. He also urged the members to vote for the photo competition.

Tours and Outings: **Mardi** advised that the Queencliff trip had been excellent, and the Christmas Lunch at Mornington Golf Club had been a huge success. The club had subsidized the cost, so it was good value and everyone enjoyed the meal. Mornington Golf Club has been booked again for next year. There will be no outings in January or February as the weather is too unpredictable in summer and the heat could spoil a planned function.

Welfare: **Maxine Coughlan** reported that **Brian Mellady** is slowly recuperating from his surgery and **Robin Cooper** is also recovering from surgery. **Bill Lumley** is now permanently in Ti Tree Lodge and will try to get to a meeting. **Alan Moore** currently has a chest infection and would not be able to attend the Christmas Lunch.

House: **Estelle** thanked the members who had helped in the kitchen whilst she was away, and all who had contributed during the year. Today's morning tea featured **Norma Biggs'** special fruit loaf baked by **Jan Marshall**.

Golf: **Graeme Buckley** advised that the next match will be on **Monday 26th March 2018**. It will be the inaugural match against **Probus Central of Mount Eliza** and will be at the **Frankston Golf Club**. Probus Central generally play as mixed pairs, so Lady Golfers are encouraged to join in on the day.



Three weeks later on **Monday 16th April** we will be defending the **Ken McArthur Trophy** against **Melbourne Probus**, also at **Frankston Golf Club**.

As mentioned at the last meeting, we have been approached by the **Rotary Club of Frankston (Sunrise)** for a challenge match. **Frankston Golf Club** has been booked for **Monday 21st May 2018**, subject to confirmation with our challengers.

Investment Club: **Lindsay Gordon** deputizing for **Max** who was in Sydney, commented on how 2017 had been an interesting year for investors. The All Ords had gyrated wildly up and down and was currently sitting on 6077, up by 6.2% for the year. The group as a whole were up 13.37%. He then thanked all members who had contributed throughout the year, especially Max who diligently prepares all the paperwork.

The competition was to end the following Friday and the most outstanding winners were: **Michael Leydon** with 38%, **Joan Baillie** 42.2%, and the winner **Diane Griffiths** with a staggering 47.9% increase. Lindsay attributed Diane's success to the fact that three out of her five shares had performed extremely well. He then presented Diane with a bottle of wine. He also mentioned that some members had not performed well at all, including himself who sat on -15.8%!

Book Club: Wendy Griffiths reported that the last book was **The Shelly Beach Writers Club** by **June Love**. It was a light and frothy tale, suitable to read by the pool or on the beach. The meeting was followed by a delicious Christmas Lunch.



Speakers: **Margaret McArthur**, who was to give the ten minute talk today, kindly stepped aside so that **Megan Simpson**, who was visiting her family with her two children, could give a brief talk on her life in Fiji. She was proudly introduced by her father **John Fleiner**. Megan and her husband decided to escape from their frenetic lifestyle in Sydney by relocating to Fiji, where they have family and 94 acres of land. They wanted to change their way of life, and also expose their children to their Fijian heritage and culture. With the aid of photographs, Megan described some aspects of Fijian life, which included a fish drive, where the community works together to catch as much fish as they can, and is then shared by all who have participated. The members found Megan's talk very interesting and a few questions followed.



Our main speaker today was **Carolyn Pethick** and when she joined Victoria Police in 1982 at the age of 21, she was aggressively informed by her boss in no uncertain terms that he'd never worked with a female, and had no intention of working with a female. He instructed her to stay out of his way and they'd get on just fine.

Since the early 80s, Carolyn was sent to work in many areas where policewomen had never been before such as the Vice Squad. Each time she had to prove women could do the same work as men, without any support or acceptance.

In an effort to end years of sexual discrimination and abuse she submitted a report accusing some her superiors. It was an action that unfortunately made circumstances far worse. With an increase of abuse, bullying and threats, Carolyn's repeated requests for assistance fell on deaf ears, including those of the Chief Commissioner.



Carolyn Pethick's controversial memoir, **To Hell and Back** details her 30 plus years in the police force. The release of her book was a gamble, exposing the inner culture of the police force, something she was told was simply not done. Today, while promoting her book, she's a speaker and presenter on her trials and tribulations while in the police force. She's an advocate of changing attitudes towards women in male-dominated workforces.

In 2016 Carolyn retired from the Victoria Police Force after nearly thirty years of service. She enjoyed much of her time during those years and believes that the police force is a great career for women who are now treated as equals to their male colleagues. When she joined, approximately fourteen percent of the police force was women. This number has now grown to about forty percent. Although this book will show some of the horrific conditions some policewomen had to work through during the early years, Carolyn adds that she had some of the greatest times in her life whilst working in the Victorian Police Force.

Photo Competition: The theme for today's Photo Comp was "Children". The winners were: 1st Bob **Stephen** 2nd **Andy Troy**, and 3rd **Christine Hallam** and **Catherine Johnson**. January's theme is "Interiors".



FUTURE SPEAKERS

Today: Short Talk: **Margaret McArthur**
Main Talk: **Trivia Quiz**

February: Short Talk: **Graeme Buckley**
Main Talk: **John Mitchell – Montalto and Tucks Ridge**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 6 Coral Roberts | 6 Max Batchelor | 7 Bob Graham |
| 10 John Connan | 12 Barbara Trewartha | 21 Brian Coughlan |
| 29 Ron Vassil | 31 Wendy Griffiths | |



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and Outings **Mardi Malone** 9775 3546

There are **no** outings planned for January or February.



Coffee & Chat @ Degani's **Tuesday January 16th at 10.30 am**



Meet up with friends at Degani's for half an hour or more & enjoy a relaxing tea or coffee and a chat. No Need to book – just come along. The table to the right of the door will be reserved for us.

Sylvia Chambers 9775 4498

Lunch at Canadian Bay Hotel

All members are invited to join **Keith and Carol Spencer** for lunch at the **Canadian Bay Hotel** after the Monthly General Meetings. There is a specials menu that includes a glass of wine for \$22. Please let Carol know if you would like to attend by Morning Tea, so that she can make the booking.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT MORNINGTON GOLF CLUB

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER



Our Christmas Lunch was a great success with delicious food, door prizes and a Kris Kringle.
The Golf Club has been booked for Christmas Lunch in 2018.

VALE

The Club extends its sympathy and condolences to **Cathy Toft** on the sad recent passing of her husband **Lars**. Although not a member, Lars attended many outings and dinners with Cathy. He had suffered ill health for some time.



Would any member who is unable to attend a general meeting please send their apologies to Membership Officer **John Roberts** Ph.: **9787 1322** or email **j_jroberts@hotmail.com**

Next General Meeting: 9.45am on Monday 8th January 2018 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 22nd January 2018 at the home of Brian and Maxine Coughlan.

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